

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO NATIONAL INTEGRITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any threat to the national integrity due to the activities of separatist leaders residing in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any scheme of the Government to identify such leaders and sue them for treason;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government consider Hurriyat leaders as separatists leaders; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for allowing them to give vent to their separatist views?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

- (a),(b)&(c): Activities of certain separatist leaders and organisations do pose threat to the national integrity. Action, including declaring such organisations unlawful, is taken under various laws when sufficient evidence, which can withstand judicial scrutiny, is available.
- (d): Going by the stated aims/objectives of the All Party Hurriyat Conference and utterances of some of its leaders, it could be termed as a separatist organisation.
- (e): Freedom of speech and expression, though with certain restrictions, is guaranteed under the Constitution. Therefore, from time to time, action is taken against those who misuse this freedom or overstep the limits imposed on it by the Constitution.